

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 0029 of the specification as follows:

[0029] Figure 3 is a database diagram illustrating an exemplary database 23, maintained by and accessed via the database engine server 22, which at least partially implements and supports the transaction facility 10. In the exemplary embodiment, the database engine server 22 maintains two databases 23_a and [[22_b]] 23_b, a first database 23_a being maintained for offering information that is not included within a virtual "store" according to the present invention, with a second database 23_b storing offering information for offerings that are presented via virtual "stores". The structure of these databases 23_a and [[22_b]] 23_b are substantially the same, but differ in that the tables of the "store" database 23_b may include a number of additional fields to facilitate the virtual stores. A general discussion of the basic structure of a database 23 is presented below, this being applicable to both databases 23_a and [[22_b]] 23_b.

Please amend paragraph 0042 of the specification as follows:

[0042] After locating an item, at block [[73]] 72 the item is retrieved. Retrieving the item includes retrieving additional information (e.g. title, description, price, end of auction time, thumbnail image, number of bids, applicable icons) associated with the item. As the items of multiple transaction types are retrieved, at block 74 they are integrated into a commingled list. The list is known as a commingled list because the items may be of multiple transaction types. At block 75, a determination is made as to whether the end of the items table 42 in the database 23 has been reached. Following a negative determination at decision block 75, the method 70 loops back to block 72 and the search of the items table 42 in the database 23 for items being offered by the Seller's virtual store continues.

Please amend paragraph 0047 of the specification as follows:

[0047] Figure 12 is a flow chart illustrating a method 120, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, of displaying a commingled of items offered at a Seller's virtual store, where the commingled list may be filtered so that only items which meet a specific transaction type (e. g. Auction Items, Fixed Price Items) are displayed. The ~~method 121~~ method 120 shall be described within the context of the exemplary user interface 900 shown in Figure 9 as generated by the method 70 described above with reference to Figure 5.

Please amend paragraph 0048 of the specification as follows:

[0048] At block 121, the network based auction facility 10 receives a buyer's request to view the items in a seller's virtual store. At block 122, as described above by the method 70 with reference to ~~Figure 4~~ Figure 5, a commingled list of items 903 offered by the Seller's virtual store is provided at the Buyer's graphical user interface.

Please amend paragraph 0050 of the specification as follows:

[0050] In the exemplary method, at block 125, if the Buyer selects "View Buy It Now Items" 907, a lookup of the items table 42 in the database 23 is performed and all fixed price items and auction items which have a fixed-price option before bidding has begun on the item will be displayed for the Buyer in a commingled list. If the item is only being offered at a fixed-price there will be no end time listed. However, if the item is an item that becomes an auction item after a first bid is entered, it will have an end time listed. Figure 13 illustrates an exemplary interface ~~1301~~ (?) 1300 where a Buyer has selected "View Buy It Now Items" 907 from the interface 900 of Figure 9. The Buyer may select "View All Items" 1301 to return to the commingled list of all items displayed at the interface 900 of Figure 9. The Buyer may further enter a keyword search after selecting the "View Auction Items" option 1306 or the "Buy It Now Items" option 1308 to view only those items that meet search word criteria.

Please amend paragraph 0053 of the specification as follows:

[0053] In an exemplary embodiment of the invention, at block 153, a Buyer may select a sort criteria (e. g. Price, Bids, End Time). At ~~block 124~~ block 154, the commingled list will be displayed according to the sort criteria selected.

Please amend paragraph 0057 of the specification as follows:

[0057] The computer system 300 includes a processor 302, a main memory 304 and a static memory 306, which communicate with each other via a bus 308. The computer system 300 may further include a video display unit 310 (e. g., a liquid crystal display (LCD) or a cathode ray tube (CRT)). The computer system 300 also includes an alphanumeric input device 312 (e. g., a keyboard), a cursor control device 314 (e. g., a mouse), a disk drive unit 316, a signal generation device [[320]] 318 (e. g., a speaker) and a network interface device [[322]] 320.

Please amend paragraph 0058 of the specification as follows:

[0058] The disk drive unit 316 includes a machine-readable medium [[324]] 322 on which is stored a set of instructions (i.e., software) [[326]] 324 embodying any one, or all, of the methodologies described above. The software [[326]] 324 is also shown to reside, completely or at least partially, within the main memory 304 AND/OR within the processor 302. The software [[326]] 324 may further be transmitted or received via the network interface device [[322]] 320. For the purposes of this specification, the term "machine-readable medium" shall be taken to include any medium that is capable of storing or encoding a sequence of instructions for execution by the machine and that cause the machine to perform any one of the methodologies of the present invention. The term "machine-readable medium" shall accordingly be taken to included, but not be limited to, solid-state memories, optical and magnetic disks, and carrier wave signals.